

REMARKS

Status of the Application & Formalities

Claim Status

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application. By this amendment, Applicants are amending claims 1-18.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview conducted on May 8, 2009. Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a Statement of Substance of Interview.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

In the Office Action dated September 5, 2008, claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Garrigou (US 3,625,437.)

Applicants maintain the reasons for patentability for claims 1-18 that were previously presented in this application. Nevertheless, to expedite prosecution, Applicants are submitting the current amendments to overcome the art of record, as suggested by the Examiner in the interview of May 8, 2009.

Furthermore, regarding independent claims 1 and 11, Garrigou does not disclose or render obvious at least that “the insert is formed separately from the spray head.”

In Garrigou, the cylindrical pin 8, 9, which the Examiner identifies as the insert, is integrally formed with the body of the spray head 1. (See Garrigou, FIG. 1.)

Furthermore, in Garrigou, it would not have been obvious to form the cylindrical pin 8, 9, separately from the body of the spray head 1. Since, the cylindrical pin 8, 9, serves the purpose of aligning the nozzle insert 2 (*see* Garrigou, col. 4, lines 19-21), the cylindrical pin 8, 9, must be integrally formed with the body of the spray head 1. Forming the cylindrical pin 8, 9, separately from the body of the spray head 1, would eliminate the purpose of the cylindrical pin 8, 9. As such, there would be no logical reason or motivation to form the cylindrical pin 8, 9, separate from the body of the spray head 1.

Applicants submit that claims 2-10 and 12-18 are allowable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claims 1 or 11.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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